UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

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|) | Appeal No. 2009-009586 |
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ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO RESCHEDULE ORAL HEARING

An oral hearing before a merits panel of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences had been set for Tuesday, February 8, 2011. The notice setting the hearing was mailed to Applicants on December 22, 2010. The date Applicants received the notice is not apparent from the record. On January 7, 2011, a facsimile letter styled "Request to Reschedule Oral Hearing" was filed, Applicants requested that the oral hearing be rescheduled. The request has been approved.

According to counsel:

[He] Counsel of record states that he will be out of the country on this day on a business trip and will not be able to attend this hearing. The other two attorneys, who have Power of Attorney for the case, have never worked it and do not have sufficient knowledge to represent the client adequately. The Counsel of record is the most familiar with this case, and is needed to attend the hearing to best represent the client.

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For the reason given above, it is:

Ordered that the request to reschedule the oral hearing granted. No further request for postponement will be permitted. Any further request for postponement will be treated as a waiver of the Request for Oral Hearing.

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